





IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Albani and Prakken                      Art Unit: 1645  
Application No.: 09/828,574                      Examiner: Navarro, A.M.  
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Title: STRESS PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE  
THEREOF

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination of the above-identified application, filed herewith. The Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2003. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on February 27, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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